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United American Croatians (UAC)

FBI informants of "known reliability" have described this organization, with headquarters in Chicago and branches in various cities in the United States, as urging the formation of an independent Croatian state. UAC is further described as being of Ustashi orientation and allegedly many of its members were active in the Ante PAVELIC Croatian Government which was a German puppet state during World War II. This organization allegedly contributed \$50,000 bail for Andrija ARTUKOVIC, Minister of Justice in the Ante PAVELIC regime, who is the subject of an extradition request (May 1951) by the Yugoslav Government as a war criminal. Other informants, but apparently less numerous, have stated that United Croatians is not a Ustashi organization but functions only to further the interests of an independent Croatia.

Herald Circle of Croatian Knights

This organization, with headquarters in Cleveland and branches in Chicago and Milwaukee, has been described by FBI informants of "known reliability" as an anti-Communist organization favoring an independent Croatia. Members of this group allegedly participate in activities of the United American Croatians. One informant has added that the Herald Circle of Croatian Knights is actually Fascist in orientation and is made up, for the most part, of Ante PAVELIC followers who have recently arrived in the United States as DP's. Another organization of similar name, Croatian Circle, has been described as a moderate group, neither pro-Tito or pro-Pavelic. No information was found in our files under the title, Circle of Croatian Knights.

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